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SUBJ: SUGGESTED CHANGE IN SCHEDULE OF VISIT TO FINLAND

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1. SINCE AMERICA DAYS PROGRAM ON JUNE 13 WILL END ABOUT 4:00 P.M., I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION DEPARTURE FROM FINLAND ON THE OVERNIGHT SILJA LINE CRUISE SHIP FROM TURKU TO STOCKHOLM LEAVING 7:30 P.M. AND ARRIVING 8:00 A.M. JUNE 14 IN DOWNTOWN STOCKHOLM FROM WHERE YOU COULD CONTINUE YOUR TRIP BY PLANE. THE PASSAGE THROUGH THE-TURKU AND AALAND ARCHIPELIGOES WITH THEIR THOUSANDS OF PINK GRANITE PINE-COVERED ISLANDS AND SKERRIES IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IN THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN JUNE WHEN THE VENEING SUN DOESN'T SET UNTIL ALMOST MIDNIGHT. DELUXE CLASS PASSAGE (CABIN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) IS ALSO ONLY ABOUT 50 PERCENT THE COST OF FIRST CLASS PLANE TICKETS.

2. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE YOUR SCHEDULE TO A SHIP DEPARTURE FROM TURKU RATHER THAN PLANE DEPARTURE FROM HELSINKI, PLEASE INFORM US ASAP SO WE CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY RESERVATIONS.

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